GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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ROBERIES IN POST OFFICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether several incidents of robberies in post offices have come to the notice of the Government;

(b) if so, the number of incidents that took place during the last three years and the total amount involved therein;

(c) whether the Government proposed to take concrete steps to strengthen the security system in post offices; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details regarding robberies including theft/burglary during the last three years and the total amount involved there in, state-wise, are given in the statement attached.

(c) Steps have already been taken.

(d) Cash safes and Iron chests have been provided all the post offices depending on the amounts retained. Night Guard/Chowkidars are also provided in major post offices. Treasury cage is provided in post offices where heavy cash is retained. In post offices where there is no facility for retaining cash overnight, the cash is kept in the nearby police station. Police escort is also arranged for conveyance of heavy cash from one point to another.